operation of the train. RTDC markets the train through its nominated General Sales Agents (GSAs) in various countries and by participating in major international tourism fairs such as World Travel Mart, International Tourism Borse (ITB)-Berlin, Dubai Festival as well as in the domestic tourism marts.

Kitchen/organic gardening

*431. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether kitchen gardening can be of great help to propagate the cause of environment; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to create awareness among households about the potentials of kitchen as well as organic gardening?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH): (a) and (b) Kitchen Garden refers to growing of crops around the premises of the house utilizing the home wastes, which helps in maximum utilization of the backyard space and in supplementing day-to-day rquirements of crops such as fruits, flowers and vegetables for the household.

Although, the Government is not implementing any scheme exclusively for promotion of kitchen gardens, the programmes being implemented for development of Horticulture have enabled the availability of quality seeds, planting material and improved technologies for growing crops including kitchen gardening. The Government of India is promoting organic gardening through the use of organic sources of nutrients such as green manure, farm yard manure, compost, bio-fertilizers and vermin-compost alongwith use of bio-pesticides/bio-agents for integrated management of pests and diseases.

Use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides

*433. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN :
SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are considering to emphasize minimum use f chemical fertilizers and pesticides for agricultural production; and